

Action Pistol Range Orientation and Shooting Assessment

Range Orientation

- AP is run as a cold range. All handguns (other than CHL handguns) on the Practice Range must be unloaded unless the shooter is properly positioned on the firing line and is either preparing to commence a drill or actively engaging in the conduct of a drill
- Shooting gear, holsters, magazine pouches, can be assembled and put on at vehicle or tables other than safety tables
- Safety tables are used only to uncase unloaded firearms, confirm the firearm is clear, and place the firearm in the holster. After the shooting session the safety table is used to confirm firearm is clear and ready to be cased for transport. No ammunition or magazines will be handled at the safety table.
- Tables located on the shooting bays may be used to load magazines, store equipment
- The 180 degree rule is in effect. Facing the impact berm, the pistol muzzle may not go beyond 90 degrees in either direction. If the muzzle goes beyond the 180 degree limit, it is cause for shooter being warned and banned from shooting the remainder of the day
- Pistol may only be loaded on the firing line
- Holster draw is strong side only using the strong side hand
- Finger must remain off the trigger until the barrel is parallel to the ground
- Once target has been engaged and firing sequence is complete, finger off trigger and placed on slide
- Range impacts or bullets over berm are cause for shooter being warned and banned from shooting the remainder of the day
- Magazine removed and pistol cleared before leaving firing line
- Holstering is done deliberately with trigger finger placed on slide

Concealed carry who want to use their CCW pistol

- With RSO overwatch – enter shooting bay and face impact berm; declare the range hot
- Draw pistol keeping muzzle pointed at berm, remove magazine, rack the slide several times and engage slide lock
- Show clear to RSO, release slide, drop hammer or striker and re-holster
- When leaving range – enter shooting bay and declare range hot, draw pistol and keep muzzle pointed at berm
- Insert loaded magazine and rack slide, engage any manual safety, re-holster in a deliberate manner

Order of fire range commands for Action Pistol shooter assessment

These commands are for the Action Pistol shooter assessment. When the shooters present are all in the area of the firing line, with unloaded guns, but loaded magazines or speed loaders, one person may be chosen or they can volunteer to be the active shooting participant.

PHASE ONE: Performed with an unloaded firearm.

Draw the unloaded firearm from the holster and move it to the firing position without sweeping any part of the body with the muzzle.

Show clear:

- a. semi-automatic: with no magazine in pistol and muzzle pointed downrange, rack the slide to ensure that the chamber is clear, lock slide open and verify that the chamber and magazine well are clear, keeping the muzzle down range rotate pistol so RSO can visually confirm empty chamber and magazine well. On command, release the slide and, with the muzzle still pointed downrange, press the trigger and drop the hammer/striker.
- b. revolver: with muzzle pointed downrange release the cylinder latch, swing the cylinder out and hold it open. Visually inspect the cylinder to insure it is empty of cartridges. Keeping the muzzle down range rotate pistol so RSO can visually confirm empty cylinder. Close the cylinder and regrip pistol

Re-holster the firearm without sweeping any portion of the body with the muzzle and secure it in place by applying any retention devices with which the holster is equipped.

PHASE TWO: Two String Shooting Skills Assessment

On command, draw the firearm, load it, and make it ready to fire. Ensure that any manual safety device on the firearm is engaged, and re-holster.

First String:

On command, the shooter will draw and fire two rounds at each of the three targets facing him/her, conduct a tactical reload, engage any manual safety device with which the firearm is equipped, and re-holster.

Second String:

On command, take one step to the side while drawing the firearm, and fire two rounds at each of the targets facing the shooter. On command, unload and show clear. Re-holster.

All shots fired on the targets must land within the "Down 1" zone of an IDPA target or the "C Zone" of an USPSA target.

Participants who cannot perform these tasks properly and/or meet the accuracy standard will not receive authorization to use the Action Pistol Practice Range.

Those who fail to qualify for authorization to use the Action Pistol Practice Range but still desire to obtain it should either secure training or practice on their own until they can meet the standards required in the assessment procedure at a future Orientation/Assessment event. Only then will they be certified to use the Action Pistol Practice Range.

The RSO will issue the range commands and oversee shooting activity. The session will start with:

1. I will describe the order of fire. The shooter will follow the directions for firearm handling in the order they are given. (The following example is the **shooting skills assessment**)

2. The order of fire is as follows. After loading your pistol, and on command, you will place 2 shots on the center mass on each of the 3 targets downrange. You will then perform a tactical reload and reholster. On command you will take one step, right or left, draw your pistol and place 2 shots on the center mass of each target. You will then unload your gun and show clear to the RSO. Do you have any questions about the order of fire?
3. The range is now hot
4. Shooter, load and make ready, safe your pistol and re-holster
5. Shooter ready? (shooter responds with verbal yes or nod of head) Standby... Go (shooter puts 2 rounds on each target, reloads, safes gun, re-holsters)
6. Shooter ready? Standby... Go Shooter takes one step left or right, shooter puts 2 rounds on each target, empties gun and shows clear, RSO checks gun for clear and empty.
7. Shooter close slide and drop hammer/striker (similar actions for revolver), re-holster
8. The range is now cold (any discussion with last shooter can be done at this time. Targets are pasted.
9. Next shooter goes to the line

Those who qualify will be given an AP card, signed and dated by RSO – these are kept in AP shack